

EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-5

(Supersedes 93-2)

ARIZONA COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK PROJECT

WHEREAS, Arizona encompasses a wide variety of natural resources and ecosystems of statewide, national and international value; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's unique natural environment is critical to the state's economy as well as the quality of life in this state; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's rapid population and economic growth over the past thirty years has greatly impacted all aspects of life in this state, including increased stress to the environment; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona expect that the public health and the environment will be adequately protected to maintain the quality of life in this state for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, federal and state legislative mandates have increased the requirements of the state to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, federal and state resources to regulate and manage the environment and protect public health are increasingly limited; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans have differing perspectives on environmental problems in this state and the degree of risk associated with those problems; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need to promote public awareness through the development of citizen outreach programs regarding Arizona's environmental needs; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing need for state officials and appropriate state agencies to understand public values concerning environmental risks in order to allocate the state's limited resources to environmental programs in accordance with Arizonans' values; and

WHEREAS, fostering coalitions between the public sector, citizens and the regulated community is essential to represent the diverse range of Arizonans in developing a statewide environmental agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me do hereby order that all applicable state agencies cooperate to carry out the objectives of the Arizona Comparative Environmental Risk Project as a public/private partnership to develop a statewide environmental agenda and that:

- 1) I hereby establish a nine-member Project Steering Committee consisting of the following representatives from the categories listed below. The Steering Committee will manage and oversee the Arizona Comparative Environmental Risk Project:

Four Public/Civic Organizations: (Two that have been active in the environmental area.)

Pamela Beilke, Board Member, So. AZ Environ. Mgmt. Society
George Dean, Executive Director, Phoenix Urban League
Dana Larsen, Executive Director, Common Cause of AZ
Mark Van Brunt, Project Director, National Council of La Raza

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Two Business or Industry Representatives:

Richard Hayslip, Manager of Environmental Services, SRP
Sybil Smith, W. L. Gore & Associates

An Environmental or Health Professional:

Leslie Boyer, M.D., Assoc. Medical Dir., AZ Poison Control Ctr

A Representative of a University in Arizona:

David Garrett, Dean, School of Forestry, NAU

A Representative of the Governor:

Rita Pearson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

- 2) The Chairman of the Steering Committee shall be selected by the Governor.
- 3) The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Commission on the Arizona Environment staff shall provide assistance and support to the Steering Committee's activities throughout the Project.
- 4) The State of Arizona has applied for a grant of \$100,000 in seed monies from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide partial funding for the Project. The Project will also be funded through private donations from individuals, businesses, organizations and/or foundations throughout the state based on the principles below:
 - a) It is the intent of the Project to seek funding from a cross-section of Arizonans;
 - b) Donations will have no association to any individual's or entity's participation in the Project;
 - c) All funds shall be used to further the goals of the Project, including public outreach.
- 5) All donations to the Arizona Comparative Environmental Risk Project shall be deposited into a separate account to be managed by the Commission on the Arizona Environment with technical assistance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Upon approval of the Steering Committee, monies in the fund may be used to enter contracts, hire temporary staff, or cover other project expenses.
- 6) Steering Committee members will be entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses based on the guidelines for state employees as stated in A.R.S. 38-621 through 38-624.

- 7) The Steering Committee, with assistance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Commission on the Arizona Environment, shall determine criteria for membership on three Technical Committees that will gather and analyze scientific data in this state and develop rankings regarding:
 - a) public health risks;
 - b) ecosystem risks; and
 - c) quality of life concerns.

The Steering Committee shall submit recommendations to the Governor for appointees to the Technical Committees.

- 8) The Steering Committee shall arrange for an independent public values assessment to be conducted statewide in order to qualitatively research the values of Arizona's citizens relating to environmental risks.
- 9) The Steering Committee, with assistance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Commission on the Arizona Environment, shall establish criteria and membership categories for a Public Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Governor. The Public Advisory Committee shall have representation from a diverse range of Arizonans in order to be consistent with the diverse interests of the citizens of this state.
 - a) The Steering Committee members will be invited to become members of the Public Advisory Committee.
 - b) The Steering Committee will arrange for facilitation services for Public Advisory Committee activities.
 - c) State agency representatives may be selected as members of the Public Advisory Committee.
 - d) The Public Advisory Committee shall rank environmental risks based on scientific data from the Technical Committees and the findings of the Public Values Assessment, identified in paragraph 8 above.
- 10) The Steering Committee, in conjunction with the Public Advisory Committee and the Commission on the Arizona Environment, shall sponsor at least six (6) meetings throughout the state to provide for public review and comment of the draft ranking proposed by the Public Advisory Committee.
- 11) All appropriate state agencies, in accordance with their missions, shall provide support and technical expertise to the Committees hereby established for purposes of the Arizona Comparative Environmental Risk Project.
- 12) All appropriate state agencies shall seek the technical expertise of agency counterparts at the federal and/or local level as well as the state universities and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

- 13) Upon completion of the Public Advisory Committee's environmental ranking, the Committee, with assistance from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Commission on the Arizona Environment and all appropriate state agencies, shall analyze risk management options and develop an Action Agenda to reduce the environmental risks in Arizona.
- a) The Action Agenda shall propose specific implementation strategies to the Legislature where statutory changes are needed and otherwise to the appropriate agencies for implementation.
 - b) The Action Agenda shall be completed by September 1994.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this twenty-fifth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Seventeenth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE